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# THE VALUE OF PETROGRAPHY IN DETERMINING THE QUALITY OF ROCK

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ALL rocks are constantly being subjected to forces, both chemical and physical, that tend to destroy them. In contrast to these destructive forces, most rocks have many qualities that give them the capacity to withstand this destruction. The capacity of a rock to endure the many destructive agencies is commonly known as durability. At the present time vast quantities of rock are being used daily in the construction of roads and structures, and it is the duty of the engineer to know something of the durability, or "life expectancy" of this material. The science of petrography is of great value in determining the strength and durability of rocks.

Quite often a sample of rock will appear perfectly sound and durable to the eye, while in reality it may contain harmful minerals that are known to be non-durable under freezing and thawing, temperature change, or the decomposing action of other natural weathering agencies. In certain parts of the United States sections of highways, portions of retaining walls, bridge piers, and other types of structures show the effects of the use of nondurable materials (fig. 1). If a petrographic examination of the rocks had been made prior to their use, the inferior materials could have been detected and rejected as unfit for use.

The earliest rocks were solidified from molten magma emanating from the interior of the earth. Upon exposure to weathering and erosion, these igneous rocks in turn have produced sedimentary rocks. Continued burial of igneous and sedimentary rocks, heat, and pressure have altered their composition into the metamorphic type of rock. Elevation of new beds of these rock, together with weathering and erosion, produce new sedimentary rocks, thus these new rocks contain fragments of the original igneous strata. Consequently there exists today a great variety of rocks differing widely in texture, mineralogical character, alteration products, etc. These various types of rock are shown in table 1.

TABLE 1.—General classification of rocks<sup>1</sup>

Class	Type	Family
Igneous	Intrusive (plutonic)	Granite. Syenite. Diorite. Gabbro. Peridotite. Rhyolite. Trachyte. Andesite.
	Extrusive (volcanic)	Basalt. Diabase. Limestone. Dolomite. Shale.
Sedimentary	Calcareous	Limestone. Dolomite. Shale.
	Siliceous	Sandstone. Chert (flint). Gneiss. Schist.
Metamorphic	Foliated	Schist. Amphibolite. Slate.
	Nonfoliated	Quartzite. Eclogite. Marble.

<sup>1</sup> From U. S. Department of Agriculture Bulletin 348, by E. C. E. Lord, 1916.



FIGURE 1.—THE LEFT HALF OF THIS CONCRETE RETAINING WALL CONTAINS SATISFACTORY AGGREGATE; THE RIGHT HALF CONTAINS UNSOUND LIMESTONE.

(Photograph by H. S. Mattimore, Pennsylvania Department of Highways)

## THIN SECTIONS OF ROCK EXAMINED UNDER THE MICROSCOPE

Petrography may be defined as the descriptive and systematic classification of rocks. This is accomplished with the aid of the petrographic microscope (fig. 2). At this time it might be well to describe briefly how the rocks are prepared for study by this type of microscope. A cursory examination of coarse-grained rocks, such as the granites, enables one to obtain a comprehensive idea of the constituent minerals. However, the minerals contained in fine-grained rocks, such as the basalts, are more difficult to identify. A study of the innermost sections of rock often reveals textural and mineralogical conditions that are interesting and of considerable practical importance.

The first step in making a microscopic examination of a rock is to prepare a small piece so thin that it is transparent to the naked eye. The sample is prepared by first breaking a small chip from the hand sample. This fragment is ground smooth on one side on a revolving lap using an abrasive powder such as emery. (See fig. 3.) The smooth side is cemented to a small glass slide with Canadian balsam and the opposite side is ground smooth. This grinding is continued until the rock slice is about 0.03 millimeter thick, and a thin protective cover glass is then cemented over it. When a specimen is prepared in this manner and examined in the microscope, an accurate idea of the texture and mineral content of the rock can be obtained.

Figure 4 shows a sample data sheet upon which petrographic descriptions of rock specimens are recorded.

All rocks are subjected to weathering by natural agencies, and some materials are more susceptible to this weathering than are others. Each mineral of which a rock is composed has a different rate of decomposition under exposure.

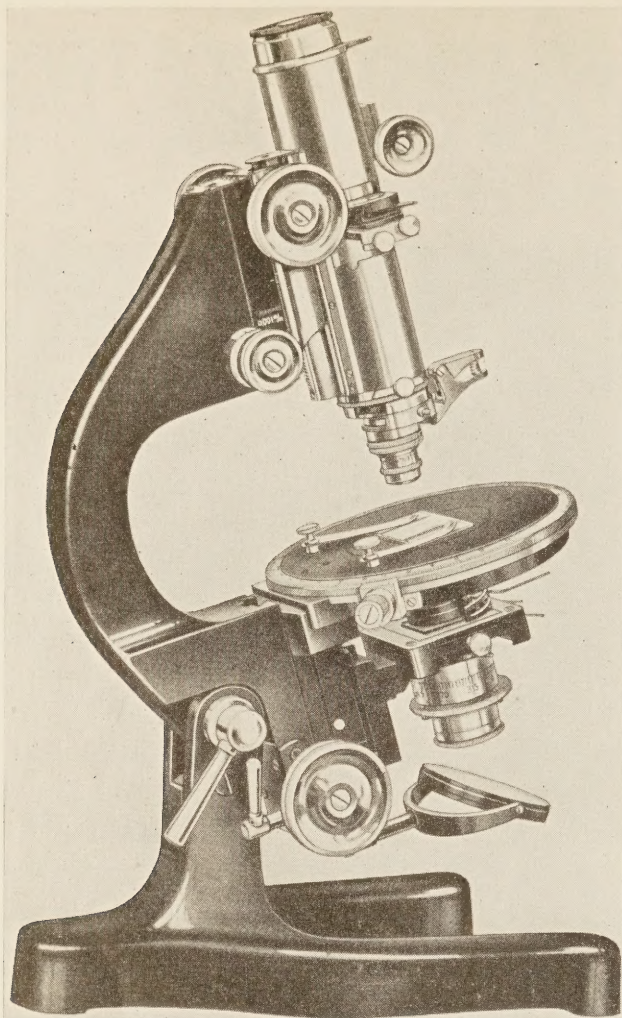


FIGURE 2.—MICROSCOPE USED IN PETROGRAPHIC WORK.

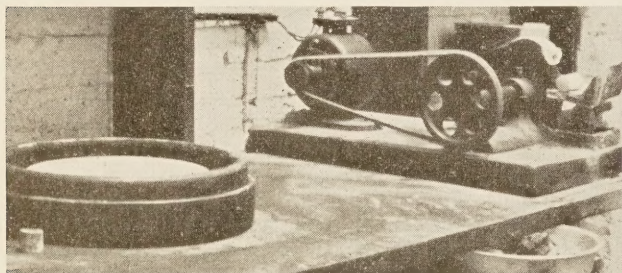


FIGURE 3.—SAW AND GRINDING LAP USED IN PREPARING THIN SECTIONS OF ROCK.

Igneous rocks are composed of several different minerals, while sedimentary rocks consist essentially of one mineral. The minerals of the former are usually interlocking, while those of the latter are united by thin coats of cementing material. Because of inequalities in the rate of expansion of the different particles, stresses are set up in igneous rocks which tend to disrupt the rock. Sedimentary rocks, containing nearly equal-size grains of one mineral, are quite often less injured by temperature changes than are igneous rocks. Other actions that hasten rock decay are: The solvent action of water, carbon dioxide, sulphurous acids, and organic acids; the wedging action of rocks; mechanical abrasion; etc.

Rock strata that have weathered unevenly are illustrated in figure 5. Table 2 gives the alteration products of some common minerals.

TABLE 2.—Alteration products of some common minerals

Mineral	Formula	Alteration product
Pyrite.....	FeS <sub>2</sub> .....	Oxide of iron.
Magnetite.....	Fe <sub>3</sub> O <sub>4</sub> .....	Hematite, limonite.
Ilmenite.....	FeTiO <sub>3</sub> .....	Leucoxene.
Quartz.....	SiO <sub>2</sub> .....	None.
Enstatite.....	MgSiO <sub>3</sub> .....	Serpentine.
Chrysolite.....	(MgFe) <sub>2</sub> SiO <sub>4</sub> .....	Do.
Augite.....	RSiO <sub>3</sub> .....	Chlorite, serpentine.
Hornblende.....	RSiO <sub>3</sub> .....	Chlorite, talc, serpentine.
Biotite (mica).....	(HK) <sub>2</sub> (MgFe) <sub>2</sub> Al <sub>2</sub> (SiO <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> .....	Chlorite.
Muscovite (mica).....	H <sub>2</sub> KAl <sub>3</sub> (SiO <sub>4</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> .....	None.
Orthoclase (feldspar).....	KAlSi <sub>3</sub> O <sub>8</sub> .....	Kaolin, muscovite.
Plagioclase (feldspar).....	NaAlSi <sub>3</sub> O <sub>8</sub> .....	Kaolin, zeolite.
Sodalite.....	3NaAlSi <sub>3</sub> O <sub>8</sub> NaCl.....	Sericite.
Tremolite.....	.....	Talc.
Zircon.....	ZrO <sub>2</sub> SiO <sub>2</sub> .....	None.

#### PYRITE AND FELDSPARS MOST DETRIMENTAL MINERALS FOUND IN GRANITES

Regarding the granites, Washington has stated <sup>1</sup> that:

\* \* \* almost any light-colored, more or less coarse-grained, nonfoliated, igneous rock is called granite by quarrymen, irrespective of its composition, whereas to the petrographer granite denotes a definite species of coarse-grained igneous rock, composed of quartz, alkali (mostly potash), feldspar, and white or black mica or both, in some cases other dark minerals taking the place of the mica. The mineral that is most hurtful to the quality and lasting power of granite is the sulphide of iron, pyrite. On exposure to the action of air and rain this oxidizes, the sulphur forming sulphuric acid, which decomposes the feldspar of the rock and thus disintegrates it, while the iron oxide forms a brown stain. If pyrite is present in granite it is almost always in such small amount and in such small grains that in spite of its usual bright brassy luster, it is seldom visible to the naked eye or by using a hand lens, but its presence is clearly shown under the microscope in the thin section.

Biotite, or black mica, is another mineral common to granites. This mineral alters readily but its effect upon the durability of granite is not so marked as the effect of pyrite and feldspars. Biotite alters in several ways. It may change in color from brown to green while still retaining its micaceous character, the optical constants changing with the chemical change. The most common alteration product is chlorite, but the peculiar cleavage of biotite is retained. Quite often the alteration is accomplished by the deposition of lenticular accumulations of carbonates between the laminae of the mica.

Orthoclase feldspar is another easily altered mineral found in granite. This mineral is composed essentially of potassium-alumina-silicate, with some replacement by sodium. The process of alteration is not likely to be the same in all instances but usually commences along cleavage cracks, and when it has progressed very far the whole mass appears cloudy when viewed through the microscope. The common alteration products are muscovite (sericite), or kaolin, and quartz. Hence the microscopic examination shows at once, by the absence or presence of clouded feldspar, whether the rock is fresh or has begun to weather.

Nephelite, a mineral somewhat akin to the feldspar family and sometimes found in the so-called "granites" quarried for building stone, weathers much more readily than the feldspars and it consequently lessens the durability of the rock. Pyroxene and amphibole

<sup>1</sup> How Petrography Can Aid the Stone Producers, by H. S. Washington, The Explosives Engineer, October 1925.

## PETROGRAPHIC DESCRIPTION

## I. FIELD NOTES

ORIGINAL NO. 11A

LOCALITY Westerly, Rhode Island

OCCURRENCE:

## II. HAND SPECIMEN DESCRIPTION

GENERAL APPEARANCE: Fine grained pink rock consisting of feldspar, quartz, and biotite

## III. MICROSCOPIC STUDY FOR CLASSIFICATION

TEXTURE: Hypidiomorphic                      SIZE OF GRAINS:

ORIGINAL STRUCTURE: Cooled from magma

PRIMARY PROCESS REPRESENTED:

SECONDARY STRUCTURE:

SECONDARY PROCESS REPRESENTED:

MINERALOGY (MINERALS ARE GROUPED FOR INTERPRETATION PURPOSES AND ARE ARRANGED IN EACH GROUP IN APPROXIMATE ORDER OF ABUNDANCE)  
(IN SOME CASES APPROXIMATE PERCENTAGES ARE GIVEN)

PRIMARY (X) ESSENTIAL MINERALS	%	(Z) SECONDARY ALTERATION PRODUCTS	%	(M) METAMORPHIC RECRYSTALLIZATION MINERALS	%	(T) TERTIARY CHANGES AND ENRICHMENT EFFECTS
Quartz	45	Chlorite				
Plagioclase	10	Sericite				
Orthoclase	15					
Biotite	15					
Muscovite	4					
Microcline	10					
(Y) ACCESSORY MINERALS				(O) INTRODUCED SUBSTANCES OR MINERALIZATION		
Magnetite	1					

## SPECIAL FEATURES:

Some of the biotite mica has been bleached into chlorite.  
Microcline shows lattice twinning.

ORIGIN OF THE ROCK: Plutonic

CLASSIFICATION: Biotite granite

FIGURE 4.—SAMPLE DATA SHEET UPON WHICH PETROGRAPHIC DESCRIPTIONS OF ROCK SPECIMENS ARE RECORDED.

are more durable constituents than the black micas, although when long exposed they decompose and disintegrate slowly. Those varieties of granite rich in iron weather most readily, and because of large percentages of iron oxide resulting from the decomposition are classed as undesirable.



FIGURE 5.—ROCK STRATA THAT HAVE WEATHERED UNEVENLY BECAUSE OF VARIATIONS IN RESISTANCE TO WEATHERING. (UPPER), THE PROJECTING SEAMS CONTAIN THE MORE DURABLE ROCK; (LOWER), DIFFERENTIAL WEATHERING OF LIMESTONE.

Table 3 shows the effect of weathering upon some of the minerals commonly found in granite, and table 4 gives the chemical analyses of three rocks before and after weathering.

#### CLAY MOST HARMFUL IMPURITY FOUND IN LIMESTONES

Limestones and marbles are examples of rock that to the eye appear to be pure and unadulterated. However, upon examination by the petrographic microscope, they are quite often found to contain minute particles of pyrite or marcasite. Here again the sulphuric acid produced by the oxidation of pyrite (iron disulphide) reacts with the calcium carbonate to cause decomposition of the rock. Marcasite, another iron disulphide, is even more harmful than pyrite because of the rapidity with which it oxidizes and decomposes. The clay contained in some limestones is not visible to the eye but is readily discernible with the microscope. The clay contained by some limestones has often been the cause of unsoundness when used in concrete.

TABLE 3.—The effect of weathering upon the minerals commonly found in granite

Mineral	Chemical composition	Changes	Ultimate product
Quartz	SiO <sub>2</sub>	Remains undecomposed	Sand grains.
Orthoclase (feldspar)	K <sub>2</sub> O	Goes into solution as carbonate, chloride, etc.	Soluble material.
	Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> 6SiO <sub>2</sub>	Hydrated and combined to form hydrous aluminum silicate, with liberation of soluble silica.	Clay, soluble material.
Oligoclase (feldspar)	3Na <sub>2</sub>	Goes into solution as carbonate, chloride, etc.	Soluble material.
	CaO	Forms carbonate, which is soluble in water containing carbon dioxide.	Do.
Muscovite (mica)	4Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> 20SiO <sub>2</sub> 2H <sub>2</sub> O	Decomposes	Clay.
	K <sub>2</sub> O	Remains undecomposed	Mica flakes.
	3Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> 6SiO <sub>2</sub>		
	H <sub>2</sub> O	Goes into solution as carbonate or chloride.	Water. Soluble material.
	K <sub>2</sub> O		
Biotite (mica)	2(Mg, Fe) O	Goes into solution as carbonate or chloride; iron carbonate oxidizes to hematite or limonite.	Do.
	Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> 3SiO <sub>2</sub>	Forms hydrous aluminum silicate and soluble silica.	Clay, soluble material.
Zircon	ZrO <sub>2</sub> , SiO <sub>2</sub>	Remains unaltered	Zircon grains.
Apatite	Ca <sub>3</sub> (PO <sub>4</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> (F, Cl)	Is soluble	Soluble material.

TABLE 4.—Chemical analyses of rocks before and after alteration by weathering

Chemical	Micaceous granite		Diabase		Diorite	
	Unweathered	Weathered	Unweathered	Weathered	Unweathered	Weathered
SiO <sub>2</sub>	Percent 69.3	Percent 66.8	Percent 47.3	Percent 44.4	Percent 46.8	Percent 42.4
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	14.3	15.6	20.2	23.2	17.6	25.5
Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>		1.9	3.7	12.7	16.8	19.2
FeO	3.6	1.7	8.9			
MgO	2.4	2.8	3.2	2.8	5.1	.2
CaO	3.2	3.1	7.1	6.0	9.5	.4
Na <sub>2</sub> O	2.7	2.6	3.9	3.9	2.6	.6
All others	4.5	5.5	5.7	7.0	1.6	11.7
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Loss on ignition	1.2	3.3	2.7	3.7	.9	11.0

Chert is another material that is used quite extensively in certain parts of the United States. It is often found in limestone and dolomite deposits, and is found in many deposits of gravel. Its durability when used in concrete has been questioned by some authorities. Chert is composed essentially of opaline silica together with some impurities such as calcite, pyrite, and organic matter. To the eye, chert appears to contain nothing but silica. However, examination with the microscope sometimes reveals the presence of disseminated pyrite and minute fractures, that may be partly responsible for the reported failures of chert in service.

Kriege has stated:<sup>2</sup>

\* \* \* one of the most common minerals associated with cherts is pyrite. This has been seen in every chert sample examined by the author. In most cases it is microscopically visible, some samples having been found in which the pyrite crystals are several millimeters in length. A very finely divided pyritic mass is sometimes seen coating a chert piece and giving it a brassy green color. More often these sulfide minerals are, as microscopic units, distributed as a specular deposit throughout the mass or in seams and planes. These pyritic bodies soon become oxidized on exposure of the chert and grow into dark iron oxide spots and in time stain the chert mass yellow or brown.

Argillaceous limestones, or those containing fairly large percentages of clay, have been known to cause

<sup>2</sup> The Stability of Chert, by H. F. Kriege, Rock Products, vol. 32, no. 9, Apr 27, 1929.



disintegration when used in concrete. Miller<sup>3</sup> has stated that:

\* \* \* a concrete road and a retaining wall where the stone had been used went to pieces after a few years and the cause was traced to the disintegrating effect of the limestone aggregate. Careful microscopic work showed the presence of considerable argillaceous matter, especially the mineral beidellite, which has adsorptive and absorptive properties. The rock fragments in the concrete road were wet after each rain and with the clay absorbing an undue amount of moisture the rocks were shattered after a limited number of freezings.

Lang<sup>4</sup> has stated that:

\* \* \* use of argillaceous limestones as coarse aggregate in concrete subjected to exposure has probably resulted in more concrete failures than could be attributed to the use of any other unsound type of aggregate.

#### KIND OF CEMENTING MATERIAL GREATLY AFFECTS DURABILITY OF SANDSTONE

The mineral content has less effect on the quality of sandstones than do the shape of grains and the kind of cementing materials that bind the grains together. Quartz, in more or less rounded grains, is by far the most abundant constituent of sandstones. This is because the chemical processes of weathering do not destroy quartz, except with extreme slowness. Other constituents of sandstones include feldspar, mica, and such accessory minerals as zircon, magnetite, and hematite. Sandstones containing more than about 5 percent of feldspar are usually called "feldspathic sandstone."

The kind of cementing material between the grains of sand greatly affects the durability of the rock. A cementing medium of silica produces a hard rock, while calcium carbonate cement produces one less durable. Argillaceous and ferruginous materials and gypsum may also act as cements. The argillaceous cement does not form a strong bond, and when it is abundant the sandstone tends to break down into sand.

Many sandstones contain layers in which flakes of white mica are abundant. This mica may be mixed with clay material, and may weaken the rock so that it can be easily split into thin slabs. The value of the cementing medium depends chiefly upon its adhesive and cohesive powers. It may be observed that sandstones with silica cement, or limestones with little or no quartz, are relatively strong and durable. Apparently the reason is that the force binding like materials is stronger than that uniting unlike materials.

By means of the microscope the cementing medium can be readily detected and, with the character and shape of the individual constituents determined, the probable durability of the rock can be stated. In discussing the durability of aggregates, Walker<sup>5</sup> has stated that:

Certain shales, soft, loosely bound sandstones, argillaceous sandstones and limestones, ochers, etc., are typical of unsound aggregate particles causing pits. Their effect on the durability of a concrete structure is approximately in proportion to the amount of pitting which occurs. For ordinary quantities of unsound particles of this nature, the surface pits are usually the only obvious effect. Large proportions of such unsound particles, however, may lead it to progressive disintegration, particularly in the wear surfaces of concrete road slabs.

<sup>3</sup> Limestones of Pennsylvania, by B. L. Miller, Bulletin M20, Pennsylvania Topographic and Geologic Survey, 1934.

<sup>4</sup> Report on Significance of Tests of Concrete and Concrete Aggregates, Proceedings, American Society for Testing Materials, 1935, p. 98.

<sup>5</sup> Report on Significance of Tests of Concrete and Concrete Aggregates, Proceedings, American Society for Testing Materials, 1935, p. 75.

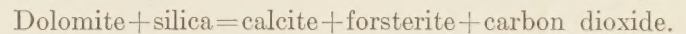
#### FOLIATED VARIETIES OF METAMORPHIC ROCK APT TO BE UNSATISFACTORY

Marble (crystalline limestone) is usually considered to be the metamorphic equivalent of limestone, chalk, etc. It is quite definitely distinguished from limestone by the crystalline and coarse-grained structure. However, we have dolomitic marbles as well as the calcitic (or limestone) marble, but the distinction is not apparent to the eye, and a chemical or petrographical analysis is usually necessary to bring out the real difference between the two marbles. The probable durability of calcitic and dolomitic marbles may be indicated by knowledge of the accessory minerals present in the original limestone or dolomite. The chief varieties of limestone, based on mineral composition, are named from the accessory minerals listed below:

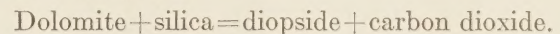
ACCESSORY MINERAL	VARIETY
Aluminum silicate.	Argillaceous limestone.
Siderite.	Ferruginous limestone.
Detrital quartz.	Arenaceous limestone.
Chalcedony.	Cherty limestone.
Glauconite.	Glauconitic limestone.

A relatively pure limestone, when metamorphosed, may develop into a compact marble, but the impurities shown in the above tabulation produce a broad range of end products. For example, if quartz is the only major impurity, it may react with calcium carbonate to form wollastonite.

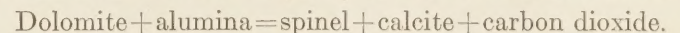
Dolomite is essentially a double carbonate of calcium and magnesium. However, this combination is never quite attained to perfection in nature, as there are usually some impurities in the rock. For example, the effect caused by metamorphism on the siliceous or argillaceous impurities may be illustrated by the following equations:



With an increase in the quantity of silica, the following reaction takes place:



With alumina as an impurity the reaction is as follows:



Common usage of the term marble leads one to believe that there is no difference between marbles; however, petrographically there is a decided difference between the two types of marbles as shown by the impurities in the original limestone or dolomite.

Of the metamorphic rocks, the foliated varieties such as gneiss and schist are most liable to be unsatisfactory. Loughlin has stated<sup>6</sup> that:

\* \* \* the outstanding feature from the standpoint of weathering is the foliated structure. The more finely foliated a rock is, the greater is its tendency to crush into small scaly fragments undesirable for concrete aggregate. Concentration of the micaceous minerals along foliation planes furthermore tends to promote disintegration. The comparatively small amount of mica in gneisses and some schists renders them less subject to disintegration than the highly micaceous schists. Unusually fine-grained schists that appear to consist entirely of mica may exfoliate appreciably after a few months of exposure in humid regions. The beginnings of weathering may extend a considerable distance below the surface of outcrops, and rock that looks satisfactory when newly quarried may soon begin to disintegrate.

<sup>6</sup> Qualifications of Different Kinds of Natural Stone for Concrete Aggregate, by G. F. Loughlin, Proceedings American Concrete Institute, vol. 23, 1927.

#### DURABILITY OF ROCK PARTLY A FUNCTION OF ITS TEXTURE

The texture of rocks depends upon the shape, size, physical condition, and manner of arrangement of their constituents. The durability of a rock is in part a function of its texture. For example, a coarse-grained sandstone consisting of well-rounded grains is not as durable as an extremely dense, fine-grained sandstone. Likewise a coarse-grained granite is less durable than a dense diabase or basalt.

The uniformity and size of the mineral particles influence the manner in which the rock weathers. For example, in a porphyritic granite the large crystals of feldspar decompose more quickly than the smaller ones, thus pitting the surface of the rock. This differential weathering is usually noted in coarse-grained rocks composed of minerals having various degrees of hardness.

Figure 6 shows photomicrographs of four rocks having different textures.

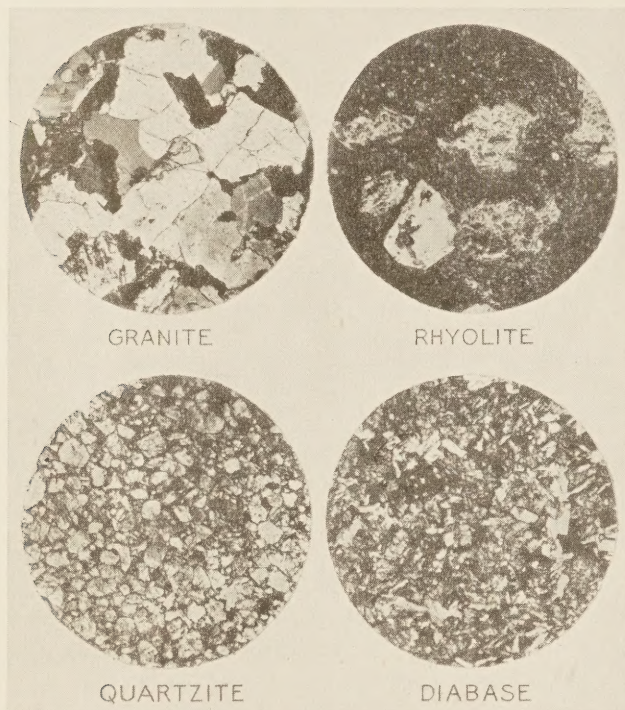


FIGURE 6.—PHOTOMICROGRAPHS OF ROCKS HAVING DIFFERENT TEXTURES.

The grains of sedimentary rocks are usually limited to one size in each particular bed, and may be fine, medium, or coarse. Thus the texture is usually of nearly uniform character, in contrast to the many-sized crystals found in igneous rocks. Because of this, the following discussion will be confined chiefly to igneous rocks.

The texture of a rock depends chiefly upon the mode of formation as shown by the size, shape, and arrangement of the grains of the minerals. The chemical composition of the magma is reflected in the texture of igneous rocks because the original composition determines the minerals that are finally formed. Magmas cooling beneath the earth crystallize slowly. In contrast, the lavas pour out on the earth's surface and cool quickly, sometimes so quickly that they form glass. Between these two extremes of slow and of rapid cooling various rates of cooling occur and cause all gradations of texture.

One common textural term is "granular." This term is applied when most of the constituent minerals are of about the same size, as is often found in the granites. Rocks more basic in composition than the granites have different textures, because of differences in crystallization and the absence of quartz.

"Porphyritic" texture is descriptive of rocks having large crystals, fragments, or flakes contained in a dense ground mass. In such rock structures the crystals have had opportunity to grow unimpeded by other mineral crystals.

"Micrographic" texture refers to the structure produced when quartz simultaneously crystallizes with another mineral, the two interpenetrating and giving a mottled appearance as exemplified by graphic granite.

"Flow" texture is common to the glassy ground mass of extrusive rocks, and has been produced by the cooling of the lava in swirling lines. There are other textural terms such as "ophitic", "cataclastic", and "poikilitic", but these are restricted more or less to special cases and will not be considered here.

#### SUMMARY

Whenever possible, the engineer should visit the quarry site to note and examine the degree of rock weathering. This examination is particularly advisable in an old quarry where much of the rock to be used has been exposed to the weather. Such features in the rock as laminations, schistose structure, and weathered minerals can be seen with the unaided eye. Weathered feldspar in granites is readily discernible inasmuch as it is usually soft, yellowish to white in color, and is found scattered throughout that portion of the rock directly exposed to weathering. It is not expected that an examination of the quarry will show whether a rock is durable or not, but an examination in connection with a petrographic study will give a fairly definite idea of the lasting quality of the rock.

Loughlin has stated<sup>6</sup> that:

\* \* \* general review of the weathering qualities of natural rocks used as concrete aggregates shows that most of them, if free from weathering, are satisfactory; that certain minerals, particularly the clay group and certain zeolites are very objectionable and that others including micas concentrated in fine grained flaky masses and calcite in finely disseminated grains among other minerals may promote disintegration under certain conditions; that certain textures and structures, notably fragmental texture and shaly structure in sedimentary rocks, flow structure in volcanic rocks, and highly schistose structure in metamorphic rocks, aid in the disintegration of rocks that are mainly composed of durable minerals.

Microscopic study enables an estimate to be made of the probable durability of aggregates. Component minerals can be identified and, having a knowledge of their characteristics, an approximation can be made of the rock's durability. Rock features such as segregations of clay, weathered feldspar, mica, variations in texture, kind of cementing medium, shape of particles, etc., have an important bearing upon the rock's durability.

It is realized that this paper has treated the subject matter in the briefest manner. For more detailed study of the petrographic microscope and the durability of aggregates, the appended list of references may be consulted.

<sup>6</sup> Qualifications of Different Kinds of Natural Stone for Concrete Aggregate, by G. F. Loughlin, Proceedings American Concrete Institute, vol. 23, 1927.

# VEHICLE SPEEDS ON CONNECTICUT HIGHWAYS

Abstract of report by C. J. TILDEN, Professor of Engineering Mechanics, Yale University<sup>1</sup>

A STUDY to determine the speeds of vehicles on Connecticut highways was made during the period from November 14, 1933, to September 26, 1934, in connection with a highway traffic survey carried on by the United States Bureau of Public Roads and the Connecticut State Highway Department.<sup>2</sup> Observers timed passing vehicles at 78 stations along straight or nearly straight stretches of road. The speeds recorded ranged from that of a heavy truck moving at 9 miles per hour on a wet pavement to the 80-mile-per-hour speed of passenger cars observed on two occasions. The speeds of 91,044 vehicles were measured, and the average was found to be 38.9 miles per hour.

Vehicles were timed by means of a speed detector. This consisted of an L-shaped box, open at each end and painted black on the inside, with a 5- by 7-inch mirror fixed upright across the inner angle of the L. It was mounted on a tripod and set on the roadside in such a position that one end of the box pointed straight across the road, while the other end was directed toward the observer. The mirror was then at an angle to each of these sight lines.

The observer, looking parallel to the road and into the open end of the box, could see in the mirror the reflection of any vehicle on the section of the road directly opposite the box. Each passing car caused a distinct flash or flicker that was readily seen by the observer. The instant the observer saw the flash he pressed the starting button of a stop watch graduated in tenths of a second. At the end of the measured distance (usually 176 feet) the car was reflected in the mirror of another detector, and the observer stopped the watch and recorded the time elapsed. Observations at night were made with the aid of a flashlight set up in such a position that passing cars momentarily cut off the reflection of the light beam in the mirror.

The observations were made from a car parked beside the road. Thus, observers were protected from the weather, while the presence of a car alongside the road aroused less suspicion or curiosity on the part of drivers than would the sight of two men holding stop watches and making notes.

The survey was divided into three main periods: Winter, from November 14 to March 29; spring, from April 4 to June 2; and summer from June 16 to September 10. A summary of the observations made during these periods (table 1) reveals the surprising fact that the average speeds of passenger cars and busses were highest in winter and lowest in summer, despite the fact that 25 percent of the winter observations were made in bad weather. Trucks also made their lowest average speeds in summer, but ran slightly faster in spring than in winter. It seems probable that the slower speed of passenger cars in summer results from the presence of numerous pleasure drivers.

## OUT-OF-STATE CARS DRIVEN FASTER THAN CONNECTICUT CARS

The effects of weather and road-surface conditions upon the speed of passenger cars at different seasons were also studied. The results are shown in table 2. The effect of weather on speed ranged from stopping altogether during bad snowstorms to driving at high speeds on clear, crisp winter mornings when the road was free from snow or ice. Practically every kind of weather was encountered during the study. The lowest average passenger-car speed recorded (28.4 miles per hour) was on a clear winter day, when the road was covered with 3 inches of hard-packed snow.

That passenger cars from outside the State are driven at markedly higher rates of speed than Connecticut cars was revealed by the study. The recorded speeds also show that the driver farthest from home drives the fastest. During the summer period, for the daylight hours, cars from Massachusetts and New York averaged, respectively, 40.3 and 41.3 miles per hour, and those from more distant States averaged 41.3 miles

<sup>1</sup> The full report, *Motor Vehicle Speeds on Connecticut Highways*, has been published by the Committee on Transportation, Yale University. The Bureau of Public Roads does not have copies for distribution.

<sup>2</sup> A digest of the report on the Connecticut traffic survey was published in *PUBLIC ROADS*, vol. 16, no. 11, January 1936. The Bureau of Public Roads does not have copies of the full report for distribution.

TABLE 1.—Summary of average speeds of vehicles on Connecticut highways

Vehicle classification	Winter period (Nov. 14, 1933–Mar. 29, 1934)		Spring period (Apr. 4–June 2, 1934)		Summer period (June 16–Sept. 10, 1934)		Complete survey (Nov. 14, 1933–Sept. 10, 1934)	
	Vehicles observed	Average speed	Vehicles observed	Average speed	Vehicles observed	Average speed	Vehicles observed	Average speed
Passenger cars (daytime):								
Foreign—								
New York.....	1,839	45.2	1,259	43.6	6,020	41.3	9,118	42.4
Massachusetts.....	1,473	45.4	813	44.4	3,435	40.3	5,721	42.2
Other.....	1,385	45.6	873	44.0	4,928	41.3	7,186	42.5
All foreign.....	4,697	45.4	2,945	44.0	14,383	41.1	22,025	42.4
Connecticut.....	14,003	41.4	6,370	39.9	20,273	38.2	40,646	39.6
All passenger cars (daytime).....	18,700	42.4	9,315	41.2	34,656	39.4	62,671	40.6
Passenger cars (nighttime).....	3,196	37.8	1,821	38.6	5,483	35.2	10,500	36.6
Total all passenger cars.....	21,896	41.8	11,136	40.8	40,139	38.8	73,171	40.0
All trucks.....	5,498	34.2	1,746	34.4	4,723	33.0	11,967	33.8
All busses.....	764	43.5	305	42.5	1,003	39.9	2,072	41.6
Total all vehicles.....	28,158	40.3	13,187	40.0	45,865	38.2	87,210	39.2

TABLE 2.—Effect of weather on passenger-car speeds

Road type	Bad weather conditions				Normal conditions		Decrease in speed	
	Date (1933-34)	Weather and road condition	Vehicles observed	Average speed	Vehicles observed	Average speed		
			Number	Miles per hour	Number	Miles per hour	Miles per hour	Percent
4-lane concrete.....	Dec. 11	Snow flurries; snow on road.....	915	39.2	812	43.7	4.5	10.3
2-lane concrete.....	Dec. 15	Sleet storm; icy road surface.....	212	35.4	925	46.3	10.9	23.5
Do.....	Dec. 27	Clear; road 30 percent snow covered. Some cars using chains.....	177	35.2	231	36.8	1.6	4.4
Do.....	Jan. 7	Steady rain.....	206	37.8	675	43.8	6.0	13.7
Do.....	Jan. 13	Snow, rain, and slush.....	81	38.1	103	46.4	8.3	17.9
4-lane concrete.....	Feb. 5	Clear; snow on road.....	394	38.8	812	43.7	4.9	11.2
2-lane concrete.....	Mar. 2	Clear; 3 inches hardpacked snow.....	182	28.4	298	45.4	17.0	37.5
Macadam.....	Mar. 8	Light snow.....	305	36.2	386	40.8	4.6	8.9
2-lane concrete.....	Mar. 28	Light rain.....	269	43.1	197	44.7	1.6	3.6
Macadam.....	June 19	Hard rain.....	129	34.3				
Do.....	June 27	Clear; fresh oil on road.....	147	30.7				
Do.....	Aug. 7	Dense fog.....	35	35.3	640	37.1	1.8	4.9
2-lane concrete.....	Aug. 16	Light rain.....	324	39.4	205	42.6	3.2	7.5
Macadam.....	Sept. 6	Dense fog.....	20	31.4	603	40.8	9.4	23.0

per hour as compared to 38.2 miles per hour for Connecticut cars. Cars from four midwestern States averaged 44.9 miles per hour. The conclusions drawn from these figures are that the driver of the foreign car, because he is farther from home, places a higher value on his time, and that since he is making a longer trip, his car is probably newer or in better mechanical condition, and accordingly can travel faster than the average.

A comparison was made of the daytime and nighttime speeds of passenger cars operated on different types of road surface. The results, shown in table 3, were as anticipated. Daytime speeds were higher than nighttime speeds; and speeds on concrete roads exceeded speeds on macadam roads.

TABLE 3.—Comparison of daytime and nighttime passenger-car speeds by road type and by season of the year

Season, and type of road	Daytime observations		Nighttime observations	
	Vehicles observed	Average speed	Vehicles observed	Average speed
Winter (Nov. 14 to Mar. 29):	<i>Number</i>	<i>Miles per hour</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Miles per hour</i>
2-lane concrete.....	9,460	42.8	1,108	37.5
4-lane concrete.....	7,071	42.2	1,858	37.9
Macadam.....	2,229	41.5	230	37.9
Total or average.....	18,760	42.4	3,196	37.8
Spring (Apr. 4 to June 2):				
2-lane concrete.....	4,403	41.6	1,228	39.9
4-lane concrete.....	4,912	40.8	593	35.9
Total or average.....	9,315	41.2	1,821	38.6
Summer (June 16 to Sept. 10):				
2-lane concrete.....	13,591	41.3	1,260	36.2
4-lane concrete.....	6,348	39.3	2,841	35.4
Macadam.....	14,717	37.8	1,382	33.6
Total or average.....	34,656	39.4	5,483	35.2
Complete survey:				
2-lane concrete.....	27,394	41.9	3,596	37.9
4-lane concrete.....	18,331	40.8	5,292	36.4
Macadam.....	16,946	38.2	1,612	34.2
Total or average.....	62,671	40.6	10,500	36.6

With respect to speed during the day, observations at certain stations from 6 a. m. to 10 p. m. showed that the average speed decreased as the day progressed. The highest speed occurred shortly after daybreak. Speeds then decreased gradually until late afternoon, rose to a minor peak between 5 and 6 p. m., and fell rather sharply after nightfall to the lowest average of

the day—about 7 or 8 miles per hour less than the morning peak.

One objective of the survey was to determine the manner in which speed might be affected by traffic volume. Unfortunately, analysis of the data collected indicated that they were inadequate as a basis for any conclusions in this respect. The relationship between speed and volume of traffic, if any exists, depends upon factors such as width and type of pavement, visibility, and general weather conditions.

An answer to the much-debated question of whether women drive faster than men, or vice versa, was sought during two periods of the survey. The conclusion reached was that there is no significant difference. During the period from November 24 to January 31, the men drove 1.1 miles per hour faster than the women; but during the period from July 12 to September 6, the women drove 0.6 mile per hour faster than the men. During the first period, only 9.8 percent of the observed drivers were women; during the second period 17.1 percent of the observed drivers were women.

#### FAST DRIVERS FOUND TO HAVE WORST ACCIDENT RECORDS

The driving speeds of drivers with and without passengers were studied during these same two periods. It was found that during the winter drivers with passengers drove at a rate only 0.5 mile per hour slower and during the summer they drove 2 miles per hour slower than unaccompanied drivers.

The relation between speed and accidents, a widely discussed and important traffic safety problem, was studied for 6 months during the winter and spring periods. The method used was to select two groups containing nearly the same number of cars: One group included cars observed to be traveling at moderate speeds (35 to 45 miles per hour); the other group included cars whose speeds were 50 miles per hour or more. The observers recorded the license numbers as well as the speeds of these cars. A list of the license numbers was sent to the office of the Connecticut Department of Motor Vehicles, where the name of the owner of each car and his accident record since 1928 were ascertained. Because of duplications, the final figures included 981 cars observed at high speeds and 1,054 observed at moderate speeds.

Results of these observations given in table 4 show that 27.8 percent of the drivers observed traveling at high speeds had been involved in accidents, as compared with 21.3 percent of the drivers observed traveling

at moderate speeds. In other words, 30 percent more of the fast drivers had been in accidents. Moreover, those fast drivers who had been involved in accidents had had more of them and accounted for 45 percent more accidents.

TABLE 4.—*Accident records of owners of cars observed traveling at high and at moderate speeds*

Speed group	Total cars	Owners with accident records	Total accidents	Owners with the following number of accidents—					
				1	2	3	4	5	6
	Number	Number	Number	Number	Number	Number	Number	Number	Number
High.....	981	273	438	168	71	15	13	5	1
Moderate.....	1,054	225	324	152	54	13	5	1	0
ACCIDENTS PER THOUSAND CARS									
	1,000	278	446	171	72	15	13	5	1
High.....	1,000	213	307	144	51	12	5	1	0
Moderate.....									

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Observations were made at a dangerous curve on the Boston Post Road (U S 1) in Madison during 4 days of good weather—2 days in January and 2 in September. Observations were also made during 1 day in February when the road was covered with hard-packed snow. On the days of good weather, the average speed of all the cars observed was 30.4 miles per hour. This included one car that was recorded at 43 miles per hour. On the day when snow covered the road, the average speed was 25.8 miles per hour. For comparison, the speeds of cars were observed during the same 2 days in September on a long straight stretch of road 0.7 mile west of the curve, and were found to be 9.2 miles per hour faster than on the curve.

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- 2 Wherever possible publicly owned vehicles and vehicles not for highway use have been eliminated from these columns.
- 3 A complete segregation of motor busses from other vehicles is not available. The figures given represent common-carrier busses in most cases, although in some States contract busses and contract school busses are included. In a number of cases city busses are not included, rural and interurban carriers only being given. Where no busses are tabulated the busses are included with automobiles, except as otherwise noted.
- 4 Figures for trailers and semitrailers are as reported. Apparent inconsistencies are due to the fact that some States require the registration of tourist trailers, light work trailers, and similar vehicles, whereas other States register only freight-carrying trailers and semitrailers.
- 5 Preliminary figures based on incomplete data for 1935 and complete data for 1936; obtained through agency of Procurement Division, Department of the Treasury.
- 6 Data on State, county, and municipal vehicles are incomplete in many cases. Some States give State-owned vehicles only; others exclude certain classes, such as fire apparatus and police vehicles, from registration.
- 7 Figures include new-car, used-car, and motorcycle dealers' registrations, and in some cases wreckers' and repairers' registrations. Data on dealers' extra plates incomplete, although extra plates are apparently included with dealers' registrations in some cases.
- 8 Large increase due to fact that 1935 figures represent registrations during fiscal year ended Sept. 30, 1935, whereas 1936 figures represent registrations during calendar year 1936.
- 9 Included with motor trucks.
- 10 Included with private and commercial registrations.
- 11 Includes 53,551 light trailers registered without charge.
- 12 Includes unknown number of Federal vehicles.
- 13 Trailers of 1,000 pounds capacity or more prohibited on highways, although permitted in cities under city licenses. Tractor-semitrailers registered as trucks. Light trailers permitted but not registered.
- 14 Includes light trailers and commercial semitrailers. Commercial full trailers included with motor trucks.
- 15 Of these vehicles approximately 1,500 are included with private and commercial registrations.
- 16 Not reported.
- 17 For 9-month period ended Dec. 31, 1936. Data for full calendar year not available.
- 18 Large increase due to fact that 1935 figures represent registrations during fiscal year ended Oct. 31, 1935, whereas 1936 figures represent registrations during calendar year 1936.
- 19 Trailers for passenger vehicles only. Freight trailers registered with trucks.
- 20 Light delivery trucks included with passenger cars.





- \* Receipts less than \$500.
- <sup>1</sup> Registration periods ending not earlier than Nov. 30 and not later than Jan. 31 are considered as calendar-year periods. In the case of States in which the registration period is definitely removed from the calendar year, data on receipts were obtained for the calendar-year period. The figures for Ohio, however, represent receipts for the 9-month period ended Dec. 31, 1936.
- <sup>2</sup> No segregation of registration fees by type of vehicle was available in Alabama, Mississippi, New Hampshire, and Tennessee. For these States the total motor-vehicle registration fees include those of trailers and motor cycles, except in the case of New Hampshire, for which motorcycle fees were reported separately. Dealers' license fees in Alabama and Tennessee are also included.
- <sup>3</sup> The figures for registration fees of motor busses are incomplete. (See footnote 3 of preceding table.) Where no fees are tabulated, the fees of busses are included with those of automobiles, except as otherwise noted.
- <sup>4</sup> Deduction of refunds results in a negative item in a number of cases.
- <sup>5</sup> In a large number of States service charges are collected or deducted by the county or local officers who issue registrations. In the majority of cases these charges are included in the registration and other fees as listed. The amounts shown in this column are estimates of service charges collected and retained by local officials and not reported elsewhere in the table.
- <sup>6</sup> Included with motor-vehicle registration fees.
- <sup>7</sup> Included with fees of motor trucks.
- <sup>8</sup> Trailers of 1,000 pounds capacity or more prohibited on highways, although permitted in cities under city licenses. Tractor-semitrailers registered as trucks. Light trailers permitted but not registered.
- <sup>9</sup> Fees of light trailers and commercial semitrailers only. Fees of commercial full trailers included with those of motor trucks.
- <sup>10</sup> Registration fees are collected by counties, and State does not maintain complete record. Figures given are estimates supplied by State.
- <sup>11</sup> For 9-month period ended Dec. 31, 1936. Data for full calendar year not available.
- <sup>12</sup> Fees of light delivery trucks included with those of automobiles.
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STATUS OF FEDERAL-AID HIGHWAY PROJECTS

AS OF MAY 31, 1937

STATE	APPORTIONMENT		COMPLETED		UNDER CONSTRUCTION		APPROVED FOR CONSTRUCTION		BALANCE OF AID FOR NEW PROJECTS	
	Estimated Total Cost	Federal Aid	Miles	Estimated Total Cost	Federal Aid	Miles	Estimated Total Cost	Federal Aid	Miles	Estimated Total Cost
Alabama	\$ 7,872,980	\$ 25,800	9.0	\$ 1,354,601	\$ 677,300	58.5	\$ 667,250	\$ 333,625	37.2	\$ 6,836,255
Arizona	5,394,661	1,972,485	145.1	1,049,303	811,285	31.7	880,898	573,145	23.3	2,037,146
Arkansas	6,463,681	3,081,271	184.0	3,081,271	3,081,271	184.0	870,040	869,086	68.8	2,513,324
California	14,366,891	4,225,587	196.6	8,176,442	4,573,646	197.4	2,595,985	1,318,052	57.6	4,249,606
Colorado	6,911,198	2,407,190	176.3	3,395,999	1,890,122	128.3	439,333	240,544	4.7	2,373,342
Connecticut	2,368,339	771,388	14.2	745,158	370,176	8.7				1,633,982
Delaware	1,843,750	688,441	33.0	469,148	234,444	12.3	316,098	155,861	20.5	1,120,018
Florida	5,020,323	1,022,926	31.5	1,690,655	845,323	57.9	609,970	304,985	7.4	3,164,619
Georgia	9,569,722	1,856,155	117.7	2,519,984	1,259,977	136.5	1,921,920	960,960	103.6	6,462,068
Idaho	4,635,991	2,825,120	265.4	1,594,295	953,976	104.4	483,186	287,966	39.4	1,761,688
Illinois	15,564,720	8,864,008	139.1	4,404,074	3,944,825	212.5	6,869,378	3,431,827	196.2	3,783,993
Indiana	9,333,269	2,942,550	197.4	5,855,691	2,927,736	150.3	1,896,120	948,060	49.1	2,514,924
Iowa	9,157,950	3,536,362	495.8	4,519,229	2,059,231	140.8	2,175,612	946,059	62.4	3,216,278
Kansas	10,005,211	4,722,267	833.9	6,478,352	3,212,729	263.3	2,124,113	1,062,046	143.6	3,366,403
Kentucky	6,961,271	2,249,866	152.5	2,418,979	1,137,899	63.2	2,277,934	1,136,967	81.6	3,599,161
Louisiana	5,387,420	2,014,682	72.1	1,085,777	542,584	32.3	9,246,560	1,135,750	32.4	2,704,781
Maine	3,289,867	1,004,304	58.9	1,085,777	652,804	19.9	516,051	258,026	8.0	1,229,513
Maryland	3,094,808	933,106	3.1	1,305,676	652,804	20.3	511,760	255,890	2.3	2,163,909
Massachusetts	5,255,300	166,968	3.1	4,329,066	2,104,533	20.3	3,250,100	1,614,449	76.2	2,339,882
Michigan	11,562,296	4,548,784	332.2	6,120,169	3,059,181	154.4	1,719,765	859,877	69.9	3,974,644
Minnesota	10,344,485	3,861,650	531.3	3,332,935	1,648,314	187.6	1,719,765	859,877	69.9	3,974,644
Mississippi	6,635,344	4,640	2.320	1,737,210	868,500	100.1	3,853,890	1,925,740	173.7	3,836,784
Missouri	11,479,090	4,914,088	477.5	8,044,731	4,009,066	293.0	3,732,924	1,648,903	185.8	3,381,031
Montana	8,877,837	2,220,786	169.9	3,166,965	1,774,575	215.7	1,091,040	493,457	63.2	3,228,185
Nebraska	7,744,061	1,467,210	347.5	4,942,372	2,348,636	335.4	2,189,840	1,022,670	72.6	4,039,322
Nevada	7,809,353	1,598,845	190.8	3,233,957	1,636,341	370.6	1,493,570	1,493,570	238.6	4,039,924
Nevada	4,821,864	1,642,101	272.2	1,766,518	526,190	54.9	1,700,042	850,021	195.0	3,724,146
New Hampshire	1,843,750	850,588	24.8	1,044,187	526,190	54.9	258,341	216,907	37.6	1,684,655
New Jersey	5,054,295	2,667,645	39.2	2,075,259	960,334	20.3	20,880	10,440		2,755,677
New Mexico	6,030,708	3,937,848	334.6	1,969,311	1,157,131	115.7	1,726,512	1,170,521	115.5	1,251,091
New York	18,565,567	8,220,786	169.9	18,308,914	8,530,207	290.5	2,795,600	1,363,850	43.3	4,676,027
North Carolina	8,877,837	2,944,435	347.5	4,942,372	2,348,636	335.4	2,189,840	1,022,670	72.6	4,039,322
North Dakota	5,914,683	197,000	105.473	366,260	275,716	25.3	1,493,570	1,493,570	40.6	4,039,924
Ohio	13,771,548	2,965,171	47.4	7,627,261	3,689,627	79.7	3,080,610	1,535,539	40.6	7,079,621
Oklahoma	8,880,547	3,958,051	144.0	2,394,352	1,265,960	91.4	2,889,546	1,488,783	101.7	4,062,888
Oregon	6,182,079	3,083,627	117.5	4,588,881	2,705,023	157.6	500,528	285,322	29.9	1,338,469
Pennsylvania	16,129,804	6,533,546	110.4	10,942,129	5,452,961	157.5	1,845,158	919,946	20.5	6,324,345
Rhode Island	1,843,750	215,607	3.3	104,733	397,238	6.6	346,360	170,310	5.8	1,171,469
South Carolina	5,103,925	561,512	53.8	4,957,391	2,050,223	317.3	659,135	298,700	36.8	2,507,402
South Dakota	6,162,747	1,315,271	176.7	1,173,903	627,691	108.5	795,324	442,723	109.6	4,323,257
Tennessee	7,949,380	2,664,334	115.0	1,844,922	922,461	59.9	634,540	317,270	20.4	5,337,911
Texas	23,506,431	13,670,181	778.2	11,912,022	5,898,003	803.6	3,737,350	1,765,643	179.5	9,052,507
Utah	4,274,740	2,191,492	144.8	1,047,653	755,719	77.9	512,870	344,790	56.6	1,644,180
Vermont	1,843,750	1,301,605	68.9	1,043,485	494,780	32.2	60,200	30,100	1.2	677,129
Virginia	6,887,569	3,503,837	146.3	3,169,962	1,545,891	130.7	879,960	439,960	26.1	3,156,520
Washington	5,907,615	4,373,407	164.6	2,258,713	1,034,271	76.2	922,679	481,098	11.8	2,133,533
West Virginia	4,107,201	863,017	42.3	431,486	150,116	23.9	1,124,578	558,439	26.8	2,667,160
Wisconsin	9,197,557	3,976,182	167.7	5,380,511	2,444,448	165.2	4,192,342	1,730,182	96.8	3,109,019
Wyoming	4,222,322	3,041,068	399.1	1,870,594	2,992,166	263.1	790,370	463,017	71.4	547,861
Puerto Rico	625,000									625,000
Hawaii	1,843,750	29,953	.8	855,062	420,545	17.2	124,030	58,735	.8	1,349,928
TOTALS	368,750,000	159,575,560	8,750.1	178,553,999	92,071,152	6,606.1	81,968,463	38,550,349	3,057.5	155,243,207

1/ APPORTIONMENTS FOR FISCAL YEARS 1936 TO 1938 INCLUSIVE.

**CURRENT STATUS OF UNITED STATES WORKS PROGRAM HIGHWAY PROJECTS**  
(AS PROVIDED BY THE EMERGENCY RELIEF APPROPRIATION ACT OF 1935)

AS OF MAY 31, 1937

STATE	APPORTIONMENT	COMPLETED			UNDER CONSTRUCTION			APPROVED FOR CONSTRUCTION			BALANCE OF FUNDS AVAILABLE FOR NEW PROJECTS
		Estimated Total Cost	Works Program Funds	Miles	Estimated Total Cost	Works Program Funds	Miles	Estimated Total Cost	Works Program Funds	Miles	
Alabama	\$ 4,151,115	\$ 3,321,378	\$ 3,306,391	109.2	\$ 771,036	\$ 771,036	29.1	\$ 16,282	\$ 15,714	1.2	\$ 73,687
Arizona	2,569,841	2,797,425	2,256,485	178.5	357,455	242,725	17.3				70,531
Arkansas	3,352,061	2,791,353	2,768,637	303.8	532,396	531,222	55.3				36,489
California	7,747,988	6,300,614	6,113,621	233.7	1,831,563	1,624,227	30.6	7,200	7,200		1,473,776
Colorado	3,395,263	1,889,495	1,831,891	99.1	89,597	89,596	6.0	84,583	82,500	2.8	284,294
Connecticut	1,418,709	580,639	534,508	4.4	537,218	517,407	13.2	37,945	29,151	.2	43,436
Delaware	900,310	606,917	580,185	48.9	247,538	247,538	17.7	769,552	769,552	36.4	51,145
Florida	4,597,144	1,970,774	1,937,280	77.9	608,719	608,719	21.2				2,524,511
Georgia	4,388,967	671,162	661,215	39.6	1,033,689	1,033,689	75.9				26,244
Idaho	2,222,747	2,242,791	2,151,838	185.3	44,665	44,665	.3				37,279
Illinois	8,694,009	7,819,498	7,706,054	440.1	950,754	950,676	31.1				8,764
Indiana	4,941,255	2,985,205	2,795,259	122.8	2,137,232	2,137,232	112.0				29,531
Iowa	4,991,664	3,715,647	3,485,929	424.6	1,513,751	1,433,134	103.0				55,360
Kansas	4,994,975	3,885,339	3,855,480	325.4	1,124,880	1,062,708	50.2				21,427
Kentucky	3,226,271	2,890,134	2,758,768	317.9	613,277	613,277	28.5				85,353
Louisiana	2,890,429	1,767,022	1,587,428	129.7	1,330,755	1,196,389	38.0				12,296
Maine	1,676,799	1,303,328	1,289,370	59.3	323,032	323,032	13.3				52,100
Maryland	1,750,738	478,755	473,816	17.7	730,571	730,571	17.0				370,049
Massachusetts	3,262,895	216,783	216,783	2.5	2,687,114	2,333,754	15.9				268,530
Michigan	6,301,414	6,326,701	5,965,711	287.9	291,871	291,871	4.8				33,882
Minnesota	5,277,145	5,186,071	4,411,073	823.2	1,130,855	734,783	77.7				16,492
Mississippi	3,457,552	2,242,832	2,238,300	164.0	1,103,977	1,103,977	70.7				8,900
Missouri	6,012,652	4,441,704	4,399,532	747.1	1,666,075	1,481,358	29.6				96,798
Montana	3,676,416	3,375,707	3,368,616	195.1	249,598	249,598	3.3				4,665
Nebraska	3,870,739	3,086,730	3,007,972	323.7	573,739	573,736	43.8				268,571
Nevada	2,243,074	2,030,445	1,969,541	89.1	279,244	264,244	13.7				37,000
New Hampshire	2,945,225	615,425	587,476	26.7	285,524	282,466	10.3				5.2
New Jersey	3,129,805	832,403	829,403	15.3	2,222,746	2,209,591	18.8				71,471
New Mexico	2,871,397	2,292,349	2,247,612	179.2	398,230	398,230	17.0				34,278
New York	11,046,377	9,703,228	9,224,042	136.1	1,599,860	1,599,860	34.2				85,970
North Carolina	4,720,173	2,946,831	2,914,118	209.0	1,799,730	1,758,852	81.2				184,997
North Dakota	2,867,245	1,675,425	1,661,201	248.7	735,375	735,220	87.6				45,603
Ohio	7,670,815	3,324,629	3,260,320	145.0	4,177,467	4,130,032	143.6				189,704
Oklahoma	4,580,670	3,449,175	3,382,040	338.3	960,857	960,272	57.2				37,344
Oregon	3,058,642	2,046,351	2,025,483	149.3	1,224,918	1,224,918	15.3				34,625
Pennsylvania	9,347,797	2,049,064	1,933,709	97.1	3,689,408	3,616,608	102.0				79,675
Rhode Island	989,208	1,073,470	953,038	18.8	1,075,143	1,015,319	90.1				766,830
South Carolina	2,702,012	1,507,295	1,418,056	142.5	745,237	745,237	82.7				2,312
South Dakota	2,976,454	2,035,805	2,033,686	399.1	1,206,932	1,206,932	38.4				125,079
Tennessee	4,192,460	2,342,026	2,331,290	96.8	1,206,932	1,206,932	38.4				35,892
Texas	11,989,350	12,124,223	11,110,121	1,083.1	897,641	827,915	23.8				161,777
Utah	2,067,154	1,677,446	1,517,840	171.0	438,762	427,398	26.1				90,840
Vermont	924,306	869,040	729,665	20.7	239,160	180,517	2.5				14,126
Virginia	3,652,667	2,926,358	2,865,020	933.0	526,731	514,550	100.0				221,044
Washington	3,026,161	3,082,032	2,776,368	162.6	294,844	223,272	1.8				26,521
West Virginia	2,231,412	849,360	845,863	38.5	1,473,870	1,337,971	56.4				47,577
Wisconsin	4,823,884	4,898,678	4,426,150	329.2	470,612	348,912	14.3				24,204
Wyoming	2,219,155	1,655,804	1,653,365	124.1	549,869	546,372	28.4				209
District of Columbia	949,496	949,496	949,496	8.8							
Hawaii	226,033	635,699	617,792	8.9	322,161	298,335	8.5				9,906
TOTALS	195,000,000	140,421,321	134,060,449	10,832.3	48,056,728	45,389,109	1,957.0	8,478,098	7,202,522	313.0	2,347,920

CURRENT STATUS OF UNITED STATES WORKS PROGRAM GRADE CROSSING PROJECTS

(AS PROVIDED BY THE EMERGENCY RELIEF APPROPRIATION ACT OF 1935)

AS OF MAY 31, 1937

STATE	APPORTIONMENT	COMPLETED			UNDER CONSTRUCTION			APPROVED FOR CONSTRUCTION			BALANCE OF FUNDS AVAILABLE FOR PROJECTS	
		Estimated Total Cost	Works Program Funds	NUMBER Grade Crossings by State or Reclamation	Estimated Total Cost	Works Program Funds	NUMBER Grade Crossings by State or Reclamation	Estimated Total Cost	Works Program Funds	NUMBER Grade Crossings by State or Reclamation		
Alabama	\$ 4,034,617	\$ 2,686,501	\$ 2,686,501	37	1	9	\$ 1,152,869	\$ 87,220	1	3	\$ 108,087	
Arizona	1,256,099	1,119,207	1,094,094	13	1	1	104,506	9,740	1	3	47,759	
Arkansas	3,574,060	1,791,281	1,785,984	38	4	2	1,556,271	199,714	1	30	32,092	
California	7,486,362	5,041,619	4,875,772	29	8	17	2,298,880	205,938	6	1	105,772	
Colorado	2,651,567	1,234,005	1,200,507	21	1	1	939,940	75,890	1	1	415,231	
Connecticut	1,712,684	73,479	73,479	1	1	1	728,630	283,610	2	2	596,965	
Delaware	418,239	130,000	130,000	1	1	1	826,197	277,993	1	1	10,246	
Florida	2,827,883	1,660,162	1,657,852	17	5	12	826,541	79,200	1	14	264,634	
Georgia	4,895,949	59,085	57,593	1	2	4	595,444	493,098	12	14	3,439,814	
Idaho	1,674,479	908,936	902,471	14	1	5	385,482	248,737	2	7	137,789	
Illinois	10,307,184	4,846,297	4,842,579	49	2	11	5,305,219	248,737	2	7	159,366	
Indiana	5,111,086	1,830,400	1,694,405	20	11	22	3,331,082	248,737	2	7	29,609	
Iowa	5,600,679	2,784,798	2,720,038	68	7	4	2,681,187	216,070	2	2	34,244	
Kansas	5,246,298	2,384,404	2,372,609	33	4	4	2,914,248	814,500	4	5	279,564	
Kentucky	3,672,387	1,051,182	1,050,873	16	3	3	1,817,182	1,209,330	9	3	219,543	
Louisiana	3,213,467	288,468	288,468	4	4	2	1,681,522	240,350	1	1	42,422	
Maine	1,426,861	798,899	797,486	14	14	14	347,194	638,004	3	2	569,223	
Maryland	2,061,751	358,388	358,388	3	3	3	518,504	1,059,621	4	1	119,650	
Massachusetts	4,210,833	1,001,729	1,001,643	8	4	2	2,033,499	43,500	1	1	52,719	
Michigan	6,165,137	3,476,224	3,394,989	35	4	4	3,397,177	3,448	1	10	482,017	
Minnesota	5,355,441	3,161,230	3,091,181	63	10	37	2,290,188	1,650	1	1	106,695	
Mississippi	3,241,475	1,172,764	1,172,600	31	3	1	1,481,858	30,000	1	1	18,965	
Missouri	6,142,153	786,713	783,740	14	14	14	5,560,303	75,278	1	1	212,485	
Montana	2,722,327	2,538,405	2,494,780	35	7	2	178,582	15,452	1	13	70,184	
Nebraska	3,656,461	1,939,514	1,929,459	65	2	8	1,382,819	31,678	1	3	15,006	
Nevada	822,484	692,128	690,192	7	3	3	211,658	3,670	1	2	7,987	
New Hampshire	822,484	345,728	341,743	3	3	3	395,145	15,452	1	6	91,216	
New Jersey	3,983,866	760,036	760,036	6	2	2	2,586,322	139,100	1	1	537,414	
New Mexico	1,725,286	1,044,613	1,043,684	13	1	1	673,090	388,150	1	1	11,202	
New York	13,577,189	3,340,870	3,328,645	12	16	31	3,694,911	63,890	1	1	414,129	
North Carolina	4,823,958	1,777,842	1,777,842	23	15	2	2,186,507	65,890	1	1	815,270	
North Dakota	3,207,473	1,043,506	1,043,216	23	1	3	1,771,763	28	3	3	392,494	
Ohio	8,439,897	247,806	232,313	2	1	2	5,595,268	2,301,242	16	1	417,562	
Oklahoma	5,004,711	2,676,501	2,670,555	42	4	4	970,588	873,383	8	2	490,384	
Oregon	2,334,204	1,193,881	1,187,909	10	5	2	1,170,816	49,093	1	31	7,987	
Pennsylvania	11,483,613	2,256,542	2,009,765	37	9	9	8,086,045	968,128	7	1	91,216	
Rhode Island	699,691	624,125	624,059	4	1	1	61,626	15,006	2	3	15,006	
South Carolina	3,095,956	991,114	980,397	20	5	3	1,230,084	275,700	3	37	582,188	
South Dakota	3,249,086	1,042,381	1,042,175	27	2	25	1,686,171	203,010	3	25	317,730	
Tennessee	3,903,979	754,800	750,456	15	2	18	2,339,790	490,020	3	14	323,713	
Texas	10,855,982	6,539,708	6,531,664	99	13	21	3,460,579	543,156	1	1	320,591	
Utah	1,230,783	338,576	337,171	3	1	1	873,921	19,670	1	148	19,670	
Vermont	729,857	500,765	495,086	7	5	15	271,833	362,584	5	1	3,021	
Virginia	3,774,287	1,977,625	1,867,760	33	11	8	989,658	356,795	1	9	560,074	
Washington	3,095,041	2,119,054	2,094,014	19	10	8	1,026,083	10,359	2	3	10,359	
West Virginia	2,677,937	79,454	79,454	1	4	4	1,631,021	575,069	8	1	394,362	
Wisconsin	5,022,683	2,601,047	2,559,272	27	4	4	2,330,496	85,100	1	1	174,167	
Wyoming	1,360,881	653,621	653,513	9	9	9	538,775	101,000	1	1	83,453	
Dist of Columbia	410,804	170,643	170,643	2	2	2	254,921	85,100	1	1	14,000	
Hawaii	453,703	170,404	170,389	2	2	2	351,976	85,100	1	1	14,000	
TOTALS	196,000,000	77,162,481	75,948,254	1,075	191	189	94,451,757	14,320,591	111	21	393	14,356,729

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